MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer inspected the Tondankulangara-Munro Light road. Area list and land plan have been prepared and the interested ryots have been asked to deposit the cost for acquisition of lands of unwilling landowners. The proposal to construct the road on the eastern side of the Alleppey-Shertala canal to Kommady has been abandoned for the present.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know from the member whether there is *poramboke* land available?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I would inform the member that the road to which he refers is not wide enough. When the necessary lands for widening the road are handed over then the question can be taken up.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether he is aware that if a slight diversion is made there will be no necessity to acquire any site as there are *poramboke* lands?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is not a question of slight diversion of the road. At the beginning, there are two right angled roads and for straightening them we want more lands.

Appointments made by the Police Commissioner.

54. ✻**MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of appointments made by the present Commissioner of Police in Travancore;

(*b*) how many appointments were distributed amongst each of the communities in the State and

(*c*) the number of applicants from each of the communities?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) 55.

(*b*) & (*c*).

	Number appointed.	Number of applicants.
Brahmins	1	41
Nayars	23	262
Ezhavas	5	72
Nadars	2	35
Vellalas	1	19
Other Hindus	4	290
Do. (depressed classes)	2	86
Mahomedans	7	43
Christians	10	190

Appointments in the Police Department.

55. ✻**MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the strength of the Police Force in Travancore: and

(*b*) the number of appointments held by each of the communities in the State?

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RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) 2,460.

(*b*)

Brahmins	...	54
Nayars	...	1,426
Other Caste Hindus	...	219
Kammalas	...	18
Ezhavas	...	140
Nadars (Hindu)	...	14
Depressed Class Hindus and Christians	...	121
Christians (excluding depressed class Christians)	...	314
Muslims	...	117
Total	...	2,423

Selection of Candidates for Forestry Training.

56. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names, with qualifications, of those who applied for selection for training in the Madras Forestry College, Coimbatore, for 1934-36;

(*b*) the names, with respective qualifications, of those who were selected;

(*c*) whether interviews were allowed to all the applicants by the selecting authorities;

(*d*) whether any memorial has been received to the effect that the selection should be set aside due to irregularities in the method of selection;

(*e*) if so, what action has been taken; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, why interview was denied to some?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*b*) (i) N. Sreedharan Pillai. Has put in four years' service in the Forest Department as Curator in charge of the Herbarium in the Conservator's office. Has passed the B. A. Degree examination as first in the Presidency with Botany and Zoology as his optionals. Had taken active part in games while at the college.

(ii) Cyriac Pothen. Has passed the B. A. Degree examination with Botany and Zoology as optionals. Was a sportsman while at the college.

(*c*) No; only nine candidates were given interviews.

(*d*) Yes. A memorial to the effect was received from one Mr. K. C. John.

**Vide* Appendix II.

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